

Juvenile Sports Fiction



Youth Services

- J/Fiction
Abdul-Jabar ***Sasquatch in the Paint*** by Kareem Abdul-Jabar 265 pages
Eighth-grader Theo Rollins' growth spurt has Coach Mandrake trying to transform him into a basketball star, but training time is hurting the science club's chances of winning the "Aca-lympics," and being accused of stealing could mean Theo is off both teams.
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American
McKenna ***McKenna, Ready to Fly!*** by Mary Casanova 124 pages
When Seattle fourth-grader McKenna Brooks' cast comes off she dives back into gymnastics training in hopes of making the competitive team, but after volunteering at a therapeutic horseback riding center, she considers broadening her interests.
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Bildner ***A Whole New Ballgame : a Rip and Red Story*** 243 pages
Rip and his best friend Red, who is on the autism spectrum, can't wait to be on their school's fifth-grade basketball team. But budget cuts, a focus on test prep, and a new teacher/basketball coach with a wealth of unconventional ideas are shaking things up.
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Bowen ***Dugout Rivals*** by Fred Bowen 125 pages
Twelve-year-old Jake, who was one of his mediocre baseball team's best players the previous season, unexpectedly finds himself overshadowed when a new player shows up and the team starts winning.
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Christopher ***Hot Shot*** by Stephanie Peters 119 pages
Thirteen-year-old Julian Pryce was star center on an undefeated basketball team before moving to a new town, where he quickly gets on the wrong side of the starting center, whose father happens to be their coach.
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Green ***Baseball Great*** by Tim Green 250 pages
All twelve-year-old Tim wants to do is play baseball, but when his dad signs him up for a youth championship league, he finds himself in a situation with illegal consequences.
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Gutman ***Ted and Me: A Baseball Card Adventure*** by Dan Gutman 194 pages
When Stosh travels back in time to 1941 in hopes of preventing the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor that brought the United States into World War II, he meets Ted Williams, one of the greatest hitters in baseball history.

J/Fiction Ritter	<i>The Desperado Who Stole Baseball</i> by John Ritter This prequel to <i>The Boy Who Saved Baseball</i> brings together Billy the Kid and a 12-year-old baseball player.	260 pages
J/Fiction Sports Stories	<i>Roughing</i> by Lorna Schultz Josh is off to an elite hockey camp where he shares a room with Peter, a talented player skilled enough to give the other players some serious competition, which causes trouble on and off the ice.	108 pages
J/Fiction Wallace	<i>The Roar of the Crowd</i> by Rich Wallace After playing soccer for years, Manny has to work hard to get on the middle school football team.	103 pages
J/Fiction Wallace	<i>Sports Camp</i> by Rich Wallace Eleven-year-old Riley Liston tries to fit in at Camp Olympia, a summer sports camp where he is one of the youngest boys.	149 pages
J Chapter Klein	<i>Ready, Set, Snow!</i> by Abby Klein When the first grade has a Winter Olympics contest, Freddy helps his class win--and shows good sportsmanship at the same time.	94 pages
J Chapter Maddox	<i>BMX Bully</i> by Jake Maddox A new boy threatens Matt's chance to make the Evergreen Racing Team.	65 pages
J Chapter Peschke	<i>Football Queen</i> by Marci Peschke Kylie Jean Carter has been waiting for three years to become a Little Dazzler--a junior cheerleader for the high school's Dancing Dazzlers--so she can cheer for her brother's high school football team	105 pages
J/Graphic Novel Knights	<i>Knights of the Lunch Table: The Dodgeball Chronicles</i> Artie King's hopes for easing into life at Camelot Middle School are dashed when he opens a mysterious locker filled with useful, wonderful items and is pulled into a do-or-die dodgeball game that pits Artie and his friends against the school's toughest kids.	141 pages
J/Graphic Novel Sports Illustrated	<i>Soccer Longshot</i> by C.J. Renner Matty is the captain of the local soccer club, the Strikers, but he needs a girl named Lola and a group of streetballers to teach him to play with flare and intensity.	49 pages